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London *J. Petitioners*
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To the right Honourable the House of Lords
now assembled in Parliament.

*The humble petition of the Young men, Apprentices and Seamen, in, and
about the City of London.*

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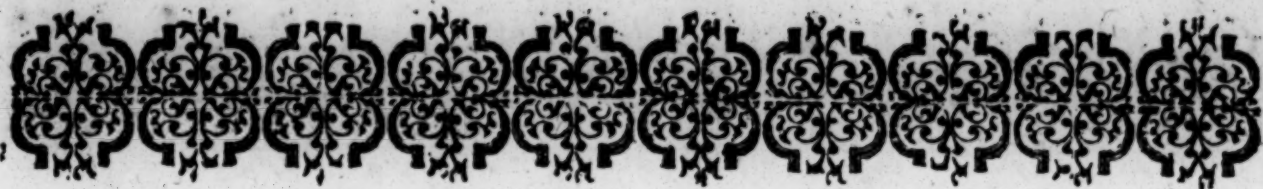
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